(d) by when the Government would ensure the compliance of the said directions by Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) As per the information available, Monitoring Committees have been set up in all States/Uts, including U.P. except the newly formed states of Chattisgarh and Jharkhand from which no information has yet been received regarding setting up of their Committees.

Inclusion of UP district in Pradhan Mantri Sadak Yojana

†1302. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to include Muzaffarnagar and Azamgarh district of Uttar Pradesh in the Pradhan Mantri Sadak Yojana for repairing the Roads;

(b) if so, whether Government would direct the State Government to repair the various routes of Muzaffarnagar and the route from Bhagwanpur to Bhagautipur, Basai under the Thekma block of Azamgarh;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana is a programme intended to provide road connectivity, by way of good All-weather roads, to all unconnected Habitations with a population of more than 500 persons. While the primary focus of the Programme is on construction of new roads, upgradation, to prescribed standards, of existing roads, where necessary, is also envisaged. Upgradation would, however, not cover repairs of existing roads.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Selection of Villages for PM's Rural Roads Plan

1303. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any reference has been received from the Andhra Pradesh Government regarding the State's right to select villages to be included in the Prime Minister's Rural Roads Plan; and

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.